DUBLIN CASTLE, *27th June*, 1798.

Extract of a Letter received this Day from Major General Sir Charles Asgill, Bart. by Lord Viscount Castlereagh.

" MY LORD, " *Kilkenny*, *26th June*, 1798.

" FEARING the Consequences that might result from allowing the REBELS who fled from *Wexford*, to remain any Length of Time in this County, I prefered attacking them with the Troops I already had, to waiting till a Reinforcement arrived. My Force amounted to eleven hundred Men. The REBELS consisted of about five Thousand. I attacked them this Morning, at six o'Clock, in their Position on *Kilconnel Hill*, near *Gore's-Bridge*, and soon defeated them. Their Chief, called *Murphy*, a Priest, and upwards of one Thousand Men were killed. Ten Pieces of Cannon, two Swivels, their Colours, and Quantities of Ammunition, Arms, Cattle, &c. were taken; and I have the Pleasure to add, that some Soldiers who were made Prisoners the Day before, and doomed to suffer Death, were fortunately released by our Troops.

" Our Loss consisted of only seven Men killed and wounded. The Remainder of the REBELS were pursued into the County of *Wexford*, where they dispersed in different Directions.

" I feel particularly obliged to Major *Mathews*, of the *Downshire* Militia, who, at a short Notice, and with great Alacrity, marched with four Hundred Men of his Regiment, and Captain *Poole*'s and the Yeomanry Corps of *Maryborough*, under the Command of Captain *Gore*, to co-operate with me. Lord *Loftus*, and Lieutenant Colonel *Ram*, of the *Wexford* Militia; Lieutenant Colonel *Howard*, and Lieutenant Colonel *Ratcliffe*, of the *Wicklow*; Major *Donaldson*, of the 9th Dragoons, who commanded the Cavalry, as well as all the Officers and Privates, are entitled to my Thanks for their spirited Exertions. Nor can I withhold the Praise which is so justly due to all the Yeomanry Corps employed on this Occasion; and I also beg Leave to mention my Aid-de-Camp, Captain *Ogle*, and Lieutenant *Higgins*, of the 9th Dragoons, who has acted as my Brigade Major.

" I have the Honour to be,

" My Lord,

" Your Lordship's

" Most obedient Servant,

(Signed) " CHA. ASGILL,

" Major-General."

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